DISTRIBUTED VOICE USER INTERFACE

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A distributed voice user interface system includes
a local device which receives speech input issued from
10   a user. Such speech input may specify a command or a
request by the user. The local device performs
preliminary processing of the speech input and
determines whether it is able to respond to the command
or request by itself. If not, the local device
15   initiates communication with a remote system for
further processing of the speech input.